

**1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?**

Before jumping into politics, I was the Vice President at the family business, Tannis Food Distributors. I helped grow the company from a cash and carry of 15 employees to a successful business employing more than 150 employees

**2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?**

I was born and raised in Ottawa. In my late teens my family moved to Ottawa South. Our family business which I've run with my Mother & siblings since I was 20, was moved to Ottawa South in 1982 and has remained here for 37 years. My wife and I currently reside just outside the Riding in East Ottawa. Ottawa South is where lifelong friends, church and other community bonds remain strong.

**3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?**

I am a co-founder of the Tannis 21 Foundation, which has given over \$1 million to health care facilities and charitable groups in Ottawa. I am also a benefactor of Karen's Place, a state-of-the-art housing development for those living with mental illness.

**4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?**

My parents came to Canada from Lebanon with nothing. They worked hard, raised a family and all together we built a successful business from scratch. This taught me that hard work is rewarded. The only party that shares the values of hard work and community and promotes them is the Conservative Party of Canada. Briefly put, I'd say my family's story and our business background shaped my political views.

**5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?**

Many inspire me. From Sir John A. MacDonald to Laurier, who built this nation by uniting two peoples through hard negotiations. They both showed tremendous leadership. However, if I had to pick one as a role model, I'd have to go with Brian Mulroney who impressed me through his tenure as Prime Minister. He was a statesman. You felt his presence as soon as he entered a room. He was a great negotiator. Signing NAFTA was one of Canada's great achievements and he was the man in charge when it happened. As a lawyer he also participated in many negotiations as a mediator. That's what he did best, bring people together towards a common goal and that's what I want to do as Member of Parliament.

**6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?**

After knocking on more than 30 000 doors, I realized constituents have many concerns but the one they all have in common is affordability. The Conservative Party is the only party that will fight to put more of your hard-earned money in your pockets. We have put forward multiple policies to make sure you get ahead. We will reduce income taxes for everyone, remove GST off of home heating, make parental leave tax-free, reinstate the Sports and Arts credit as well as the Green Public Transit tax credit, which were both revoked by the Liberal government.

**7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?**

I can understand the disillusionment that Canadians have with politics. In the last four years we have seen this Liberal government fighting for their insider friends and interest groups. AS a retired businessman, I do not have any obligations towards any group but the residents of Ottawa south. If I have the privilege of being elected by the constituents of Ottawa South, I will it make it a priority to be easily accessible to better hear and understand their concerns. It<s time for the people of Ottawa South to have their voices heard and not be taken for granted.